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To direct the Director of National Intelligence to produce a National Intelligence Estimate on the threat of global pandemic disease, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “The Global Pandemic
5 NIE Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ON THREAT**
7 **OF GLOBAL PANDEMIC DISEASE.**

8 (a) NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE.—

1 (1) REQUIREMENT.—The Director of National
2 Intelligence, acting through the National Intelligence
3 Council, shall produce a National Intelligence Esti-
4 mate on the threat of global pandemic disease, in-
5 cluding with respect to the following:

6 (A) An assessment of the possible courses
7 of the COVID–19 pandemic during the 18
8 months following the date of the Estimate, in-
9 cluding—

10 (i) the projected spread of the 2019
11 novel coronavirus outside the United
12 States and the likelihood of a potential sec-
13 ond wave of the virus;

14 (ii) the capacity of countries and
15 international organizations to combat the
16 further spread of the virus, including risks
17 and opportunities for further global co-
18 operation; and

19 (iii) the risks to the national security
20 and health security of the United States if
21 the disease is not contained abroad.

22 (B) An assessment of the global public
23 health system and the responses of the system
24 to the COVID–19 pandemic, including—

1 (i) prospects for an effective global
2 disease surveillance and response system,
3 opportunities to advance the development
4 of such a system, and signposts for evalu-
5 ating whether or not an effective system
6 has been developed before a disease out-
7 break occurs; and

8 (ii) an assessment of health system
9 capacity.

10 (C) An assessment of—

11 (i) the humanitarian and economic
12 implications of the COVID–19 pandemic;
13 and

14 (ii) the consequences of the pandemic
15 with respect to political stability, armed
16 conflict, democratization, and the global
17 leadership by the United States of the
18 post-World War II international system.

19 (D) An assessment of—

20 (i) likely threats by viruses during the
21 10-year period following the date of the
22 Estimate;

23 (ii) global readiness to avert a future
24 global pandemic;

1 (iii) challenges and opportunities for
2 the policy of the United States to advance
3 global pandemic preparedness; and

4 (iv) the potential role of non-state and
5 state-backed global influence activities or
6 disinformation campaigns involving
7 COVID–19 or future potential pandemics.

8 (E) Any other matters the Director deter-
9 mines appropriate.

10 (2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

11 (A) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 90 days
12 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
13 Director shall submit to the Permanent Select
14 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives and the Select Committee on Intel-
16 ligence of the Senate the National Intelligence
17 Estimate produced under paragraph (1), includ-
18 ing all intelligence reporting underlying the Es-
19 timate.

20 (B) NOTICE REGARDING SUBMISSION.—If
21 before the end of the 90-day period specified in
22 subparagraph (A) the Director determines that
23 the National Intelligence Estimate under para-
24 graph (1) cannot be submitted by the end of

1 that period, the Director shall (before the end
2 of that period)—

3 (i) submit to the Permanent Select
4 Committee on Intelligence of the House of
5 Representatives and the Select Committee
6 on Intelligence of the Senate a report set-
7 ting forth—

8 (I) the reasons why the National
9 Intelligence Estimate cannot be sub-
10 mitted by the end of that period; and

11 (II) an estimated date for the
12 submission of the National Intel-
13 ligence Estimate; and

14 (ii) testify before such committees on
15 the issues that will be covered by the Na-
16 tional Intelligence Estimate.

17 (C) FORM.—The National Intelligence Es-
18 timate shall be submitted under subparagraph
19 (A) in classified form.

20 (3) PUBLIC VERSION.—Consistent with the pro-
21 tection of intelligence sources and methods, at the
22 same time as the Director submits to the congres-
23 sional intelligence committees the National Intel-
24 ligence Estimate under paragraph (2), the Director
25 shall submit to the congressional committees speci-

1 fied in paragraph (4), and make publicly available
2 on the internet website of the Director, an unclassi-
3 fied version of the National Intelligence Estimate.

4 (4) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES SPECI-
5 FIED.—The congressional committees specified in
6 this paragraph are the following:

7 (A) The Committee on Appropriations, the
8 Committee on Armed Services, the Committee
9 on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on
10 Financial Services, the Committee on Foreign
11 Affairs, the Committee on Homeland Security,
12 and the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
13 ligence of the House of Representatives.

14 (B) The Committee on Appropriations, the
15 Committee on Armed Services, the Committee
16 on Finance, the Committee on Foreign Rela-
17 tions, the Committee on Health, Education,
18 Labor, and Pensions, the Committee on Home-
19 land Security and Governmental Affairs, and
20 the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
21 Senate.

22 (5) CONSULTATION.—The Director shall pre-
23 pare the National Intelligence Estimate under para-
24 graph (1) in consultation with the Secretary of
25 Health and Human Services, the Director of the

1 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and any
2 other head of an element of the Federal Government
3 the Director of National Intelligence determines ap-
4 propriate.

5 (b) FUTURE PANDEMIC PLAN.—

6 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
8 President shall transmit to the congressional com-
9 mittees specified in paragraph (3), and make pub-
10 licly available on the internet website of the Presi-
11 dent, a report containing a whole-of-government
12 plan for an effective response to a potential second
13 wave of the COVID–19 pandemic and for other fu-
14 ture pandemic diseases.

15 (2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The plan under
16 paragraph (1) shall address how to improve the fol-
17 lowing:

18 (A) Pandemic planning.

19 (B) Homeland preparedness.

20 (C) International disease surveillance.

21 (D) Testing.

22 (E) Contact tracing.

23 (F) The role of the Federal Government
24 with respect to the regulation, acquisition, and
25 disbursement of essential equipment.

1 (G) The provision of personal protective
2 equipment.

3 (H) Early domestic response to future
4 pandemic diseases in the United States.

5 (3) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES SPECI-
6 FIED.—The congressional committees specified in
7 this paragraph are the following:

8 (A) The Committee on Appropriations, the
9 Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Com-
10 mittee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
11 Homeland Security, and the Permanent Select
12 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives.

14 (B) The Committee on Appropriations, the
15 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Com-
16 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
17 sions, the Committee on Homeland Security
18 and Governmental Affairs, and the Select Com-
19 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate.

20 (c) GLOBAL STRATEGY.—

21 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
23 President, in coordination with the Director of Na-
24 tional Intelligence, shall transmit to the congres-
25 sional committees specified in paragraph (2), and

1 make publicly available on the internet website of
2 the President, a report containing a global strategy
3 for mobilizing international institutions to combat
4 the COVID–19 pandemic.

5 (2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES SPECI-
6 FIED.—The congressional committees specified in
7 this paragraph are the following:

8 (A) The Committee on Appropriations, the
9 Committee on Armed Services, the Committee
10 on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent Select
11 Committee on Intelligence of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives.

13 (B) The Committee on Appropriations, the
14 Committee on Armed Services, the Committee
15 on Foreign Relations, and the Select Committee
16 on Intelligence of the Senate.